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TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND SUBSCRIBED TO THE SANGRE DE CRISTO NEWSNOTES OVER THE YEARS, THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

NEWS & VIEWS

LAST ISSUE?

Greetings from the little Colorado mountain town of Westcliffe. May Jesus and Mary be loved by every heart! We are working and praying for that, just as we are for His Kingdom when we say in the Our Father: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven".

I know some of you must be wondering whatever happened to Father Jones. Is he still putting out his newsletter? I apologize for being so long in getting back to you. This issue may very well be the last issue of the **Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes,** at least for the forseeable future. . . Father Glen Michaletos, T.O.D.M., a South African priest who was consecrated a bishop February 2, 2001 at the Monastery of the Apostles in St. Jovite, told me #85 would be a good issue to stop with anyhow. **85 = 5 x 17.** [Chapter 8 of **THOU ART PETER: "Seventeen: Predestined Number"**] I will still keep up a mailing list, and maybe send something out from time to time, but there will no longer be any subscription charge. . . . . .

FALL OF MYSTERY BABYLON

September 11th is a day we won't soon forget. . . . My friend, Pastor Pete Peters, founder and director of **SCRIPTURES FOR AMERICA,** P.O. Box 766, LaPorte, Colorado 80535, in his recent newsletter wrote: "It is the opinion of this writer that it is the time of Revelation 18 and that **Babylon has fallen,** and nothing will ever be the same again. . . Jeremiah chapter 51 describes the fall of Babylon and we need to remember that what was true of the first one is true of the one today. 'Flee from the midst of Babylon, and each of you save his life! Do not be destroyed in her punishment, for this is the Lord's time of vengeance; He is going to render recompense to her. Babylon has been a golden cup in the hand of the LORD, intoxicating all the earth. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are going mad. Suddenly Babylon has fallen and been broken; wail over her! Bring balm for her pain; perhaps she may be healed. We applied healing to Babylon, but she was not healed.' (Jeremiah 51:6-9)". Jack Slater opened up the "St. Vincent de Paul type store" 2nd STREET SECONDS a block from my house. Jack is also a good friend and a much respected and admired local civic and religious leader. He, too, feels certain that this is Apocalypse 18 being fulfilled. He used to work in or near the twin towers, and knows a little bit what has been going on behind the scenes. . . . . I must say, that my first impressions are the same as theirs... Mystery Babylon has fallen!!!... A couple of very interesting articles in **THE JUBILEE**

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NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 310, Midpines, Calif. 95345 (October 2001 issue) gave me some food for thought: "The towers came down as gracefully as a fountain of water. 'Too methodical to be a chance result of airplanes colliding with the structures' said Van Romero, vice president for research at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. 'My opinion is that after the airplanes hit the World Trade Center there were some explosive devices inside the buildings that caused the towers to collapse,' Romero said. Romero is a former director of the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center at Tech, which studies explosive materials and the effects of explosions on buildings, aircraft and other structures."

DR. LORRAINE DAY

Also in that same issue of **THE JUBILEE NEWSLETTER** are interesting articles by Dr. Lorraine Day, P.O. Box 8, Thousand Palms, Calif. 92276. I first heard about her in October 2001 on a pilgrimage to western Canada and the U.S. Pacific coast. On the way I had a chance to visit Mrs. Doria Seslar, from Snohomish, Washington, who went to LaSalette with me in 1992. She gave me a thought-provoking video tape on cancer by Dr. Day, which I have since shared with my sister, Mrs. Rebecca Moreland, which she then sent on to our brother Mike Jones in Fort Collins, Colorado, who has been under treatment for a serious case of melanoma cancer the past few months. . . . . Anyhow, Dr. Day impressed me, and I think you all should at least know she is out there. "Dr. Lorraine Day, an internationally acclaimed orthopedic trauma surgeon and best selling author was for 15 years on the faculty of the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine as Associate Professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Orthopedics. She was also Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at San Francisco General Hospital and is recognized world-wide as an AIDS expert. She has been invited to lecture extensively throughout the U.S. and the world and has appeared on numerous radio and television shows including 60 minutes, Nightline, CNN Crossfire, Oprah Winfrey, Larry King Live, the 700 Club, John Ankerberg Show, USA Radio Network, Art Bell Radio Show, Three Angels Broadcast Network and Trinity Broadcasting Network." On the internet visit **www.drday.com** for a comprehensive selection of health related videos. Visit Mrs. Day's other site **www.goodnewsaboutgod.com /index html** to learn more about her Christian perspectives. My! Can you imagine what it is going to be like when **Fr. John Gregory XVII** from Quebec gets on all those programs. . . . . Jesus told him that after about 30 years of living under a dungheap of scorn, He would clean him up, make him respectable, and give him the microphone of the world. . . . .

FATHER JOHN GREGORY XVII

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OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

155 years ago at LaSalette Mary said: "Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of Antichrist. . . . I address an urgent appeal to the earth: I summon the true disciples of God living and reigning in heaven; I summon the true imitators of Christ made man, the one true Savior of men; I summon My children, My true devotees, those who have given themselves to Me so that I might lead them to My divine Son, those whom I carry in My arms, so to speak, those who have lived according to My spirit; finally I summon the Apostles of the latter times, the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who have lived in scorn of the world and of themselves, in poverty and in humility, in contempt and in silence, in prayer and in mortification, in

OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE - 1846

chastity and in union with God, in suffering and unknown to the world. It is time for them to arise and come forth to enlighten the earth. Go, and show yourselves as My cherished children; I am with you and in you, provided that your faith be the light that enlightens you in these days of woe. May your zeal cause you to be famished for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ. Fight, children of light, you little number who see; for behold the time of times, the end of ends. . . . . Who will be able to overcome, if God does not shorten the time of trial: By the blood, tears and prayers of the just, God will let Himself be moved; Enoch and Elias will be put to death; pagan Rome will disappear; the fire of Heaven will rain down and consume three cities; the whole world will be terror-struck, and many will let themselves be misled because they will not have adored the true Christ living in their midst. It is time; the sun is growing dark; only the faith will live. . . ." In that same message called the Secret of LaSalette, confided to Melanie Calvat and finally published in 1879, Mary states: "Then peace will come, the reconciliation of God with men; Jesus Christ will be served, adored and glorified; charity will flourish everywhere. **The new kings will be the right arm of the Holy Church, which will be strong, humble, pious, poor, zealous and imitative of the virtues of Jesus Christ.** The Gospel will be preached everywhere, and men will make great progress in the faith, because there will be unity among the workers of Jesus Christ and because men will live in the fear of God."

I am writing this on Saturday, December 8th, feast of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. It was 155 years ago, this year, on May 13, 1846, that the bishops of the United States put our country under Mary's protection under her title of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. (May 13 --- FATIMA. . . . 1846 --- LASALETTE). I'm told that Our Lady of Guadalupe's image in Mexico City (1531) is like an image revered as the Immaculate Conception in Spain at that time. . . . . Seven years ago today, Father John Gregory XVII and 13 others who flew with him from Paterson, NJ, to Denver, CO, attended and partook in the ceremony at Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in Pueblo in which I was consecrated a bishop . . . . . I remember how beautiful it was the next morning when the sky cleared, the sun came up, and we all beheld a lovely blanket of fresh, white snow on the ground with a glimmering frost covering the tree branches and all. . . . . The Canadian pilgrims brought with them several boxes of the newly published book **THOU ART PETER**, a fantastic 960-page book on prophecy, still available for $30 postpaid from **EDITIONS MAGNIFICAT, P.O. Box 308, St. Jovite, Quebec, CANADA J0T 2H0.**

SNAPSHOT OF 2001 IN WESTCLIFFE

A quick snapshot of Westcliffe and all this past year: Irene Francis had her new book published: **One-Room Schoolhouses, Custer County, Colorado,** $15.95 postpaid from Irene Francis, 2301 County Road 323, Westcliffe, Colorado 81252. Irene lives with her husband Stan some 14 miles

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Beautiful view of Horn Peak and Spring Mountain in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains southwest of Westcliffe, Colorado.

south of town at **Holy Hill.** They let me cut several loads of beetle-killed pine firewood on their place this summer. I burn about 4 cords a year as my main heat in the wintertime. Stan has been instrumental in helping the local Christian ministers get together and come to know one another over these past several years. We now look

These contented cattle have it made at the base of the Sangre de Cristos.

forward to an hour or so get-together at noon the first Wednesday of each month at the Old Westcliff Schoolhouse. . . . . Christian women in the community volunteer each month to furnish us with a hot lunch at our meeting. God bless them !!! Two of my 7 beehives gave me some honey this year. I also got some honey from the other beekeeper in town, Dave Purnell. His wife, Karen, is president of the Custer County School Board and top-notch cook at their restaurant, Karen's Place. The school board made national news when they decided to have a class on the bible for the Custer County High School. All they need now is a teacher willing to stand up to the persecution entailed with such a project! A new 8-lane bowling alley in town has been popular. . . The local Christian School moved into their new facility this fall. I hear enrollment has nearly doubled. . . . Oh! For those who have eyes to see, the Spirit of God is moving and setting up a renewal that is awesome!!!!

CHRIS BRYAN AND ROBERT PRIESTER

When Chris Bryan from Oklahoma City and I made our 4,000-mile 10-day pilgrimage to see the relics of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Calgary, Alberta, in October, we saw and experienced what is almost certainly part of the beginning stages of the prophesied "explosion of faith", like a rosebud when it first starts to open up. . . . . Back at the end of May and beginning of June Chris and I also made a memorable 4,500 mile pilgrimage to St. Jovite in Quebec with Robert Priester, 57, of Westcliffe. Just before Thanksgiving in November Robert asked me to take him to the emergency room at Parkview Hospital in Pueblo, expecting them to check on some chest pains and difficulty in swallowing, planning to head back to Westcliffe with me in a couple or so hours. . . .He didn't make it back to Westcliffe until his burial on January 5. The doctors found out he had cancer of the stomach, operated on him in early

Your editor with one of the Apostles of Infinite Love in Winnipeg, June, 2001.

The Apostles of Infinite Love have a very nice little mission at 119 Lusted Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA R2W 2P3. They are poor and depend upon the sale of calendars and donations... They helped Chris Bryan and myself get a new waterpump for my jeep as we drove through there last June.

Mother enjoyed visiting with Chris. He probably reminded her of one of her boys she raised before becoming a nun.

Jim Holland and his wife Beth own the BEEF & BLOOM FARM, 3780 Jobb Rd RR1, Nestleton, Ontario, CANADA L0B 1L0. They are just a couple hours east of Toronto.

James Holland, Robert Priester, and Chris Ahern walking through one of Jim's fields to see a nice little chapel in the woods. We stopped at their farm on our way to St. Jovite last May.

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December, and at the end of the month sent him to a nursing home in Canon City. . . . December 23 he made his Profession of Faith as a Catholic in the Renewed Church of Jesus Christ and received the Sacraments of the Church. . . . I have reason to believe that Jesus may have appeared to Robert after his operation and again, as a child, just after Christmas. . . . He edified those who got to know him in the hospital and those who lived near him in the Vista Celesta apartments at Westcliffe. The last year of his life he lived very simply, exhibiting a lot of courage and Faith and thoughtfulness towards everyone he encountered. . . . When we went to check his apartment after he passed away, the only furniture we found was a little desk he used as an altar and a small mattress on the floor with a sleeping bag on top of it for his bed. . . . He had just sold his car and was using an old bicycle for transportation. . . . The writings of St. John of the Cross were some of his favorite spiritual reading the last few weeks of his life. Bibles and notes we found in his room, showed he had been seriously reading and studying the Word of God for a decade or more. We also found a copy of **THOU ART PETER** on his bed, which he had read and studied. . . He passed away on January 2nd with his sister, Patricia Priester from Arkansas, at his side. We gave him as decent a pauper's funeral as we could. . . . His brother, Michael Priester, from Phoenix, Arizona, recorded the funeral service which I conducted at the Valley Bible Church in Silver Cliff. Mrs. Beth Ann Zeller from the Sangre De Cristo Seminary 10 miles southwest of town, drove in on snowpacked roads to sing the 23 Psalm for us. She just had her 10th child at home December 15th. Her children are homeschooled. . . . Thank you Beth Ann, and thank you Pastor Dick Jones and members of the Valley Bible for letting us use your church gratis. . . .

BEES AND HONEY

I now have a little honey shed in my back yard, with a bunch of new and used supers and framing supplies. . . . I am wintering over 7 hives this year. Two of the seven produced some honey for me last summer, a little over 200 pounds, which did not last long. . . . At the end of January a new friend came by and offered to help me with the bees this year. . . . . We'll see, could be Providential. Hope it works out. Sometimes I have to be on the road a lot and may not have time to tend to the bees as I otherwise should. . . .

Sometimes there is more to the bee business than one would imagine. One June, a couple years ago, I was called out to an old house being remodelled by Gary Roberts and Barbara Parish in the south end of the valley. I took a hive of bees out of their wall for them.

OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

France - September 19, 1846

High in the Alps, the Mother of God sat with Her face in Her hands, weeping and heartbroken with sorrow. She then rose and spoke to two young shepherds, Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud. Endless tears flowed from Her eyes. "I have been suffering for you for so long," She said. She entrusted a secret to each of the two visionaries. Melanie's, made public after 1858, is very long. It speaks of the deviations of priests and souls consecrated to God and of the great chastisements the world will incur if people refuse to pray and mend their ways. At the end of the Secret, the Blessed Virgin addressed an urgent appeal to the Apostles of the Latter Times and dictated the Rule of the Order of the Mother of God, requesting its foundation. This Order, destined to bring about the renewal of the Church, has been developing at St. Jovite, Quebec since 1962 and has been implanted in various countries.

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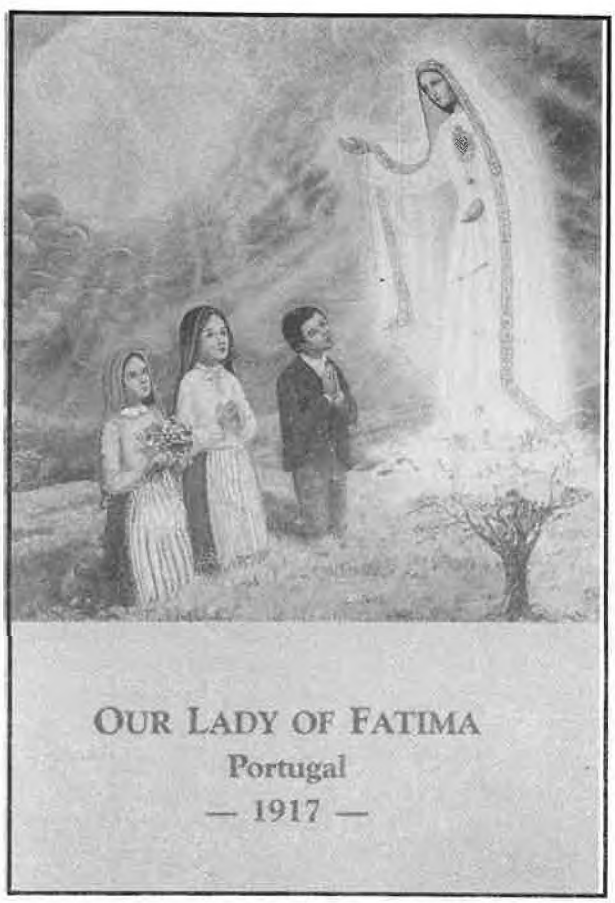

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Portugal - 1917

On the 13th of each month, from May 13 to October 13, the Blessed Virgin appeared to three young shepherds: Lucy dos Santos, and Francisco and Jacinta Marto. During these visits, Our Lady requested that people do penance and say the Rosary. She also asked that Russia be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart: "If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and you will have peace. If not, it will spread its errors throughout the whole world, stirring up wars and persecutions against the Church. . . The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, several nations will be annihilated." The Blessed Virgin also asked for Communions of reparation on the first Saturday of the month. During Her last apparition, Our Lady provided proof of Her coming with the great Miracle of the Sun, witnessed by about 70,000 people. Lucy received a secret which was to be revealed to the world in 1960, but the Church kept it under lock and key.

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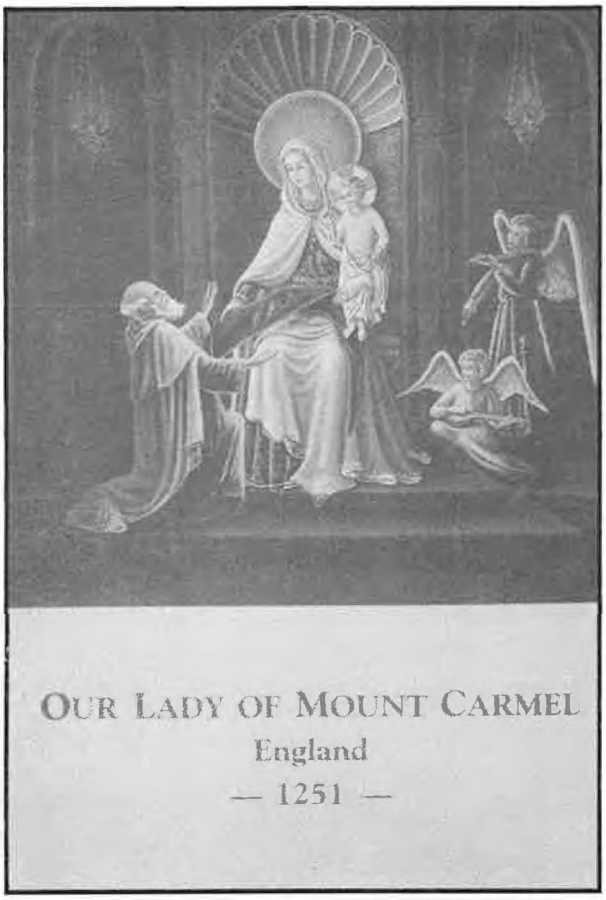

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
England - 1251

Of all the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the earth, Our Lady of Mount Carmel is one of the most ancient and best known in the Church. It occurred in 1251. The Mother of God appeared to Saint Simon Stock, the Superior General of the Order of Carmel, in the early morning of July 16. She held Her adorable Son in one arm. With the other hand, She presented the holy monk with the scapular of the Order, promising him that all who wore that habit would be preserved from the eternal fires of hell. She reappeared in 1316 to Jacques d'Euze, the future Pope John XXII, adding that those who wore the scapular would be granted the grace of deliverance from purgatory on the first Saturday after their death. What great goodness and mercy on the part of the Blessed Mother!

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THE VIRGIN OF THE SMILE
LISIEUX, France - 1883

"The Blessed Virgin came towards me! She smiled at me." So said Thérèse Martin, the future Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. She lay sick in bed on May 13, 1883, stricken with a mysterious illness that had lasted several days. The family was making a novena to Our Lady of Victory because the little girl's condition had given rise to great fears. Thinking she was at the point of death, her sisters cast themselves with faith and confidence at the feet of the Madonna adorning the sick girl's room. Suddenly little Thérèse's face lit up: the statue had come to life, and the child saw the Blessed Virgin move towards her and smile. Thérèse was healed at that very moment.

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POEMS

The following two poems and their commentary come from a book entitled: The Poetry of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. The first poem that she wrote was entitled CANTICLE TO OBTAIN THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE JOAN OF ARC, which was written May 8, 1894.

In passing, we need to mention the historical context of this composition. On January 27, 1894, Pope Leo XIII authorized the introduction of Joan of Arc's cause for beatification, in virtue of which she received the title, "Venerable." From then on it was permitted to "honor her and pray to her publicly," as the Lisieux newspaper *Le Normandy* explained on January 30.

In the weeks that followed, Thérèse's uncle, Isiodore Guérin, devoted several articles to this event. From the outset he showed his colors: "God raised her up to show through her weakness the greatness of His power and so to confound the pride of man." (Joan of Arc, *Le Normandy*, 2/3/1894).

A commission presided over by Henri Wallon soon drafted a bill in the National Assembly proposing that May 8th be celebrated annually as a national holiday of "patriotism" to honor Joan of Arc. Monsieur Guérin saw this chiefly as a scheme of the Freemasons to take this French heroine back into their camp and to "secularize" her. (*Le Normandy*, 5/5/1894).

If joy at Joan's rising glory was great all across France, Lisieux shared in it in a special way. In effect, the town represented Joan's "blood money" : "It was at Orleans that she carried off one of her most brilliant successes, it was at Rouen where she was burned, and Lisieux was the price paid for her life." (I. Guérin). The allusion to Judas's betrayal of Jesus was clear. But here the traitor was the Bishop, Pierre Cauchon, who was made bishop of Lisieux in 1432, which was of less importance than his old bishopric of Beauvais, in return for "services rendered" to the English. So on May 8th 1894, "a precious flag of the glorious Liberatrix" was placed in the chapel built by Cauchon in the apse of the cathedral of Saint Peter right where he was buried. This was the very chapel where Thérèse, as a girl, had attended daily Mass.

The pastor of Saint Peter's set up a committee of young women to make preparations for the celebration on May 8th, 1894. Céline Martin, Saint Thérèse's sister, was one of its most active members. With Marie Guérin and other friends, she sewed "twelve great white banners strewn with fleurs-de-lis. Each banner was twenty one feet long." (Letter from Marie Guérin to Mme. Le Néele, May 1894)

Le Normandy wrote that the holiday, "as patriotic as religious, promises to be particularly touching. The church will be brilliantly lighted" (5/1/1894). Five thousand people jammed into the cathedral. The atmosphere was more like a joyful village fair than a religious ceremony. *Le Normandy's* chronicler with the sharp pen was hard put to control his displeasure. ("The Festivities for Joan of Arc," 5/12/1894, article signed "I.G.")

We find varied nuances of this enthusiasm - with its ambivalent causes and effects - to a different degree in the titles Thérèse used for the original copy of her canticle: "A French Soldier, Defender of the Church, Admirer of Joan of Arc." Thérèse dedicated her poem to her sister, the "gallant knight C. Martin."

(Melody: "Pitié, mon Dieu")

CANTICLE TO OBTAIN THE CANONIZATION OF THE VENERABLE JOAN OF ARC

**ST. JOAN OF ARC,
who was burned at the stake May 30, 1431.**

God of hosts, the whole Church
Soon wishes to honor at the altar
A martyr, a warrior virgin,
Whose sweet name resounds in Heaven.

By Your power,
O King of Heaven,
Give to Joan of France >
The halo and the altar. > Repeat

A conqueror for guilty France
No, that is not the object of her desire.
Joan alone is capable of saving it.
All heroes weigh less than a martyr!

Lord, Joan is Your splendid work,
A heart of fire, a warrior's soul:
You gave them to the timid virgin
Whom You wished to crown with laurels.

In her humble meadow Joan heard
Voices from Heaven calling her into combat.
She left to save her country.
The sweet child commanded the army.

She won over the souls of proud warriors
The Divine luster of Heaven's messenger,
Her pure gaze, her fiery words
Were able to make bold brows give way....

By a prodigy unique in history,
People then saw a trembling monarch
Regain his crown and his glory
By means of a child's weak arm.

It is not Joan's victories
We wish to celebrate this day.
My God, we know her true glories
Are her virtues, her love.

By fighting, Joan saved France.
But her great virtues
Had to be marked with the seal of suffering,
With the divine seal of Jesus her Spouse!

Sacrificing her life at the stake,
Joan heard the voice of the Blessed.
She left this exile for her homeland.
The savior Angel re-ascended into Heaven!...

Joan, you are our only hope.
From high in the Heavens, deign to hear our voices.
Come down to us, come convert France.
Come save her a second time.

Refrain
By the power
Of the Victorious God
Save, save France >
Angel Liberator!... > repeat

Chasing the English out of all France,
Daughter of God, how beautiful were your steps!
But remember that in the days of your childhood
You tended only weak lambs...

Refrain
Take up the defense
Of the powerless
Preserve innocence >
In the souls of children. > repeat

Sweet martyr, our monasteries are yours.
You know well that virgins are your sisters,
And like you the object of their prayers
Is to see God reign in every heart.

Refrain
To save souls
Is their desire.
Ah! Give them your fire >
Of apostle and martyr! > repeat

Fear will be banished from every heart
When we shall see the Church crown
The pure brow of Joan our Saint,
And then we shall be able to sing:

Our hope
Rests in you,
Saint Joan of France, >
Pray, pray for us! > repeat

The circumstances behind Thérèse's second poem are interesting as well as painful. For years an impostor, Leo Taxil, had contrived a imaginary person named "Diana Vaughon," and circulated a false story that she had converted from Satanism and Freemasonry to Catholicism.

Thérèse and the Carmelites of Lisieux, like most French Catholics, were completely taken in by this story. Thérèse was especially impressed that this conversion had taken place through the intercession of Joan of Arc. She even wrote a short play about it, entitled THE TRIUMPH OF HUMILITY, in which she showed that the main weapon to defeat Satan is humility.

Mother Agnes also asked Thérèse to write a poem for "Diana," but the inspiration would not come. Instead, Thérèse sent "Diana" a photograph. The previous year Thérèse had written a play entitled, JOAN OF ARC ACCOMPLISHING HER MISSION and this photograph was taken at that time. It shows Thérèse in costume portraying an imprisoned Joan in chains and her sister Céline as Saint Catherine who was comforting Joan. An enlargement of this photo was used as a backdrop at a well-orchestrated press conference in the heart of Paris, when Leo Taxil on the night of April 19, 1897, revealed to more than four hundred people that he himself was "Diana Vaughan."

He did this disgraceful farce to embarrass the Holy See because it was encouraging devotion to the real Joan. He portrayed "Diana" as "a new Joan of Arc" and used Joan's name and her mission to deceive French Catholics. A few days later the newspaper *Le Normandy* described how Taxil had chosen this photo to make fun of devotion to Joan of Arc. This betrayal of Joan wounded Thérèse too because it was her own photo of Joan as prisoner that had been jeered at that night.

Thus in May of 1897, Thérèse felt the need to rediscover the mystery of Joan of Arc, as if to identify with Joan in the passion she herself was going through and wrote the poem entitled: TO JOAN OF ARC. At the time Thérèse was in great pain from and dying of tuberculosis.

It was not in victory and glory that Joan was fulfilled, but in the "dungeon" and in "betrayal," where she identified with Jesus. And He, by His death, gives every suffering its "charm." Thérèse also felt she was "at the bottom of a black dungeon, laden with heavy chains" in her trial of faith. She was drinking "the bitter cup of the Beloved" in her illness. Thérèse was deeply humiliated at the very time she was struggling in her trial of faith and in her illness. There are some sufferings so deep that we have to bear them alone....To us she also seems "more radiant and more beautiful in her dark prison."

TO JOAN OF ARC

When the Lord God of hosts gave you the victory,
You drove out the foreigner and had the king crowned.
Joan, your name became renowned in history.
Our greatest conquerors paled before you.

But that was only a fleeting glory.
Your name needed a Saint's halo.
So the Beloved offered you His bitter cup,
And, like Him, you were spurned by men.

At the bottom of a black dungeon, laden with heavy chains,
The cruel foreigner filled you with grief.
Not one of your friends took part in your pain.
Not one came forward to wipe your tears.

Joan, in your dark prison you seem to me
More radiant, more beautiful than at your King's coronation.
This heavenly reflection of eternal glory,
Who then brought it upon you? It was betrayal.

Ah! If the God of love in this valley of tears
Had not come to seek betrayal and death,
Suffering would hold no attraction for us.
Now we love it; it is our treasure.

In February, 2001, your editor stopped to visit Mike and Tena Carroll and their granddaughter, Aunesti Carroll in Coloma, Wisconsin.

One of the tables in the Carroll's home chapel.

Altar in the Carroll's Cenacle Home.

Aunesti Carroll, February 2001

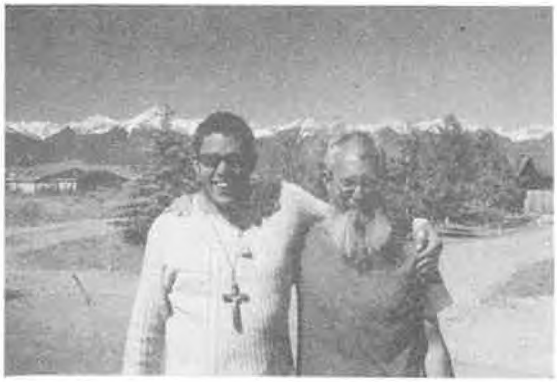
Aunesti Carroll, December 17, 2001. She is now living with the Kostka family in Grand View, Wisconsin.

Ken Sanchez and Jennie Cruz were married April 21, 2001 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Pueblo, Colorado.

Ken was raised in San Luis, Colorado and Jennie in Pueblo. Jennie still remembers her trip to St. Jovite 2 years ago.

Scott Darby on Music Pass in the Sangre De Cristo mountains. Scott loved to hike, fish and camp in these mountains. After a several-year-long bout with cancer, he died on February 1, 2002, at the age of 51.

Scott spent several winters at a friends cabin 9 miles west of Westcliffe. When in his 20's he lived 3 years as a Trappist monk in Mass. He also lived and worked for some months with the Brothers at the Magnificat Monastery in St. Jovite. He liked doing carpenter work. . . Fixed up quite a few things around your editor's house.



In May, 2001, Chris Bryan from Oklahoma got to meet "Brother" Scott while he was "living" in a little camp trailer at 210 South 2nd Street in Westcliffe.

Southwestern Colorado's Highway 550 and Red Mountain Pass is one of the more scenic drives in the state.

This is a photo of a window in the little chapel of Our Lady of La Salette in the woods that Paul Curtis, Box 610, Uxbridge, Ontario, CANADA L9P 1G9, had built a few years ago. . . .

May of 2000 your editor visited the Sisters at the Apostles of Infinite Love mission in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

In May 2001, A Rosary procession, May Crowing, and outdoor Mass was held in the woods at Our Lady of La Salette Chapel.

McClure Pass, southwest of Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Father Simon of St. Jude, O.D.M. offered the Mass and gave First Holy Communion to several young girls from the Toronto based mission parish.

Several years ago, in 1992, Danny & Victoria Henderson and family of Burleson, Texas, drove up to Westcliffe and camped out at the Hermit Lake Beaver Dams.

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Vivian Jones to speak to Rock Wranglers

by Verna Barr, Staff Writer

Walking for miles and miles - six, eight, ten or more, descending and climbing gullies and canyons in remote areas of the Uncompahgre Plateau. . . that's only part of what goes into discovering dinosaur sites. The thrill of discovery, the satisfaction of knowing what you have found when you find it, the personal contacts resulting from the 'find', all that and more. . . have made life very interesting for Vivian Jones.

She will show slides and tell about many of her experiences at the Thursday, February 10th Delta County Rock Wranglers regular monthly meeting - 7:30 p.m. at Columbine Senior Center, 247 Meeker in Delta. The meeting is open to the public.

Vivian shared her passion for 'bones' with her husband Eddie. They took their trailer into an area each summer, enjoying the isolation, the beautiful canyon views and the 'hunt'. "Those mesas are second home to me," she said. Telling of their Starr Mesa discovery in 1967, she related, "There was no road into the area, so we hiked in and had to climb out of the bottom of a canyon. It wasn't an easy climb. . . there was only one place to get up that cliff. When "Dinosaur Jim," from Brigham Young University, decided to excavate the site, we had to find a better way into the location. About eighteen miles of road had to be built to work the site."

The 'find' in Cactus Park was called the "Graveyard." Vivian explained, "It produced many of the finest specimens of dinosaur bones ever to be discovered. A jumble of bones...no complete dinosaurs, wrist carpals, toe bones, foot bones, all in excellent shape."

The Dry Mesa site, discovered in 1971 was opened in 1972. It has been in operation all these years, with the exception of one or two years when funding was not available. It has been worked longer than any other site in this part of the country. A large number of VIP's and curators of museums have visited. In 1990 Walter Cronkite came here and had an interview with Vivian. That interview became a portion of a four hour BBC television documentary on dinosaur finds throughout the world. It was aired on A&E the following year.

She has scrapbooks with numerous news clippings of another filming, a movie documentary, that was shown in the local theaters about the Joneses and their finds. Letters from Walter Cronkite and from the Smithsonian Institute and mementos chronicling the discoveries of the past 33 years are found between the covers of those scrapbooks.

Most of the funding for excavation has been through Brigham Young University and private donations and grants. Vivian and Eddie worked closely with the university and museums, large and small. The Smithsonian houses the huge (largest ever found) brachiosaurus humerous found in Potter Basin, west of Montrose, in 1955. An article in the 1959 Scientific American magazine chronicles the discovery. Casts have been made of it and distributed to museums throughout the nation. The museum in Delta is home to an exhibit of many of the Jones' dinosaur bones.

Lapidary and silver work, a hobby resulting from her love of bone, gives Vivian a great deal of pleasure. She is a 'rock hound' at heart and enjoys the meetings, outings, and activities provided to her as a member of the Delta County Rock Wranglers.

One of the largest dinosaur museums in the world opened July 7, 2001, in Lehi, Utah, about 30 miles south of Salt Lake City. Vivian Jones and son, Doug Jones, look at displays of the Dry Mesa Quarry in Colorado while visiting the museum the day of its grand opening.

Vivian Jones visits with Ken Stadtman, director of Brigham Young University's Earth Science Museum. Ken helped collect and prepare the bones of several of the animals whose skeletons are now mounted and on display in Lehi's NORTH AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ANCIENT LIFE.

Vivian Jones underneath SUPERSAURUS VIVIANAE, one of the world's largest known dinosaurs, at the Lehi Museum. She and late husband, Daniel "Eddie" Jones, located the Dry Mesa Quarry where this and many other dinosaur remains have been excavated.

Nicole Marianne Green was married to Travis Jay Mames Korin on an island in the Missouri River near Great Falls, Montana June 9, 2001. They are making their home in Billings, MT.

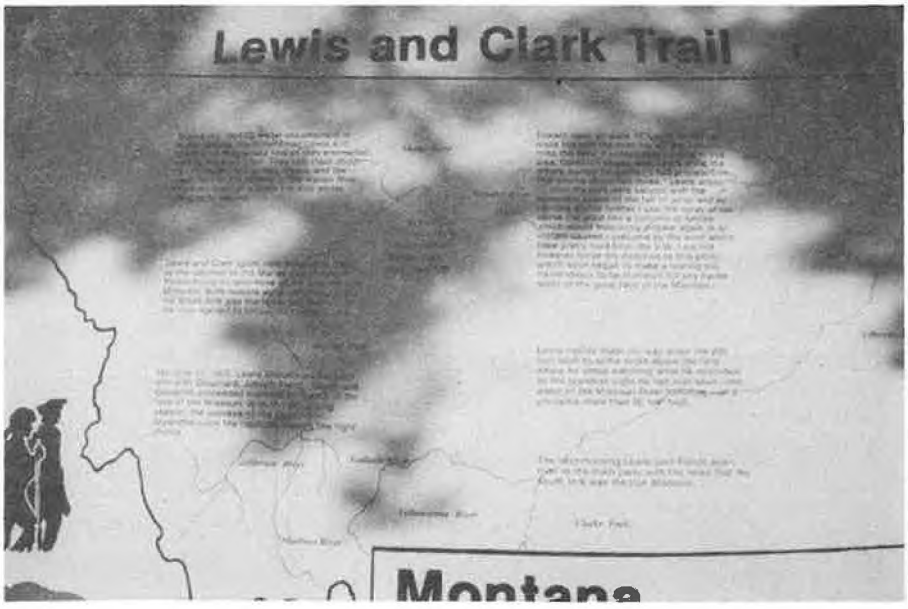
Nicole's mother, Mrs. Rose Marie Green of Great Falls, Montana.

The groom, Travis Korin, and men in the wedding party getting ready for a photo. . . . .

The bride's aunt, Mrs. Bernadette Sivertsen of Denver, Colorado, and first cousin, Noel Deschamps from Palmer, Alaska (presently living in Eugene, Oregon).

Pat and VerNae McCarthy attended the wedding. They live in Portland, Oregon where they were married last summer, also. Good friends of the Green Family. . . I think I shocked Chris Bryan when I called Pat my little Irish leprican friend. . . and VerNae, his leprican wife. . . .

Chris Bryan and I got to go right up to the base of the 90-feet high statue of Our Lady of the Rockies on top of the Continental Divide, near Butte, Montana.



TOP RIGHT:
Chris Bryan with Stan Blackwood of Butte who drove us up to the statue which overlooks the mining town of Butte. Below, Chris looks at the Missouri River just east of Great Falls. Lewis & Clark came up this river almost 200 years ago exploring the 1803 Louisiana Purchase and looking for a viable way to the West Coast. . . . .

Do We Think About It Enough?

A young gentleman withdrew to Saint Bernard's monastery at Clairvaux. His father was furious and wanted to make him leave. The novice said, «I am ready, Father, but under one condition.»

«Which ? »

«You have to repeal a very ancient custom that exists at the family castle.»

«I'll do whatever you want.»

«Well then, abolish the custom of dying and I'll return home with you immediately ! »

The father reflected for an instant and allowed his son to follow his vocation in peace.

The thought of death, the shortness of time and the insecurity of human happiness fortified the martyrs in their torments and populated the deserts, ornamented the Church with virgins, aroused apostolic vocations and stimulated the courage of the faithful for their sanctification.

But our nature has a great tendency to always keep putting off this salutary thought in order to fill our imaginations with illusory dreams. Where nobody has been able to find satisfaction and happiness, we always think we can belie them and lead a delightful life amid the pleasures and joys of the earth. We do not believe the experience of those who have come before us. We say there will be an exception for us.

One day Saint Ignatius approached a young man he crossed paths with daily. He was very intelligent and impassioned for human glory, and this ambition tortured Ignatius' heart because he had a presentiment that this soul had much more to conquer here below than that. So he asked him : «Just what do you want to do, my friend ? »

«First I want to study.»

«And then ? »

«I'll have a good position and earn lots of money.»

«Fine, and then ? »

«I'll attain dignities and honors, and people will talk about me in my country. I'll be a deputy, a minister or maybe even a governor.»

«And then ? »

«Then will come old age.»

«And then ? »

«I'll have to do like everyone else and die.»

«And then ? »

The young man lowered his eyes. The man of God added : «And then, my friend, you'll have to appear before God, give Him an account of your talents and the use to which you put them. What will your knowledge and honors be worth before God ? What does it profit a man to win the whole world if he come to lose his soul ? » (Mt. 16:26).

At these words the young man threw himself into the arms of the one who had proved he was his true friend. He was converted and became a great missionary and a great Saint. He is the Apostle of India and Japan, **Saint Francis Xavier.**

This thought has picked up many a heart :

"The pleasure of dying without trouble is worth the trouble of living without pleasure."

Saint Theresa of Avila

THE BLESSING OF THE PRIEST

Jesus speaks of His blessing to Theresa Neumann, Stigmatist of Konnersruth, Germany

"My dear child, I wish to teach you to receive My blessing with fervor. Realize that something great takes place when you receive the blessing of My priest. The blessing is an 'outpouring' of My divine holiness. Open your soul and let it become holy through the blessing. The blessing is a heavenly dew for the soul, through which all that is done can be made fruitful.

"Through the power to bless, I have given the priest the power to open the treasury of My Heart and pour out from it the 'rain' of graces in souls. When the priest blesses, I bless. Then a vast stream of graces from My Sacred Heart flows into a soul to its fullest capacity. By recollection, keep your heart open, in order not to lose the benefit of the blessing. Through My blessing, you receive the grace to love, the strength to endure suffering, and assistance for body and soul.

"My holy blessing contains all help for the necessities of humanity. Through the blessing, you are given the strength and desire to seek good, to shun evil, and to enjoy the protection of My children against the powers of darkness. It is a great privilege when you are permitted to receive the blessing. You cannot comprehend how much mercy I extend through it to you. Therefore, never receive the blessing in a 'matter-of-fact' or thoughtless manner. As poor as you are before receiving the blessing, you are rich after receiving it.

"I regret that the blessing of the Church is so little prized and so seldom received. You good will is strengthened through the blessing, your undertakings receive My special Providence, your weakness is overcome by My power, your thoughts and intentions are spiritualized, and all bad influences are neutralized. I have given My blessing great power. It proceeds from the unending Love of My Sacred Heart.

"The greater the zeal with which the blessing is given and received, the greater its efficacy. Whether a child is blessed or the whole world simultaneously, the blessing is far greater than a thousand worlds. Reflect that God is immense, infinitely immense. How small are all things in comparison to Him! It is all the same whether one or many receive the blessing. This matters not, for I give to each according to the measure of his or her confidence and faith. Since I am infinitely rich in all good, you are permitted to receive without measure. You cannot hope too much from My blessing; all will exceed your fondest expectations.

"My child, protect all those who give blessings. Esteem highly whatever has been blessed; then you will be pleasing to Me, your God. As often as you are blessed, you are united closer to Me, sanctified anew, healed with and protected with the Love of My Sacred Heart.

"Often I keep hidden the workings of My blessing so that it is known only in eternity. Often it appears that blessings have no results. But wonderful are the workings of the blessing, even the seemingly fruitless results are a blessing in disguise through the holy blessing. These are often mysteries of My Providence which I do not wish to manifest.

"My blessings often produce effects unknown to the soul. Therefore, have great confidence in this 'outpouring' of My Sacred Heart, and reflect earnestly on this favor to you (that the apparent results are hidden from you). Receive the holy blessing sincerely, for the graces of the blessing find entrance only into a humble heart. Receive it with a good will and with the intention to become better; then will the blessing penetrate to the depths of your heart and produce its effects. Be a child of the blessing; then you yourself will be a blessing for others."

Your editor never knows where he might hang his hat. Here he is camped out in Colleen and Steve Dunne's back yard in Fort Collins, Colorado. His brother, Mike Jones, lives nearby and recently went to the hospital with a serious case of melanoma cancer. . .

The Jones clan in Delta, Colorado a few years ago with Chicago friend, Mrs. Dorothy Wachter. Mike is the first one on the left in the front row holding his daughter, Stephanie.

My sister Becky Moreland's granddaughters Sabrina and Kala, and their uncle Tony Moreland at my house in Westcliffe last summer.

Inis & Bill Falkenberg of Westcliffe, Lois Bonkers of Dayton, Ohio, and Evie Miller of Westcliffe. Uncle Bill passed away on August 18, 2001.

Your editor and good friend, Mr. Luciano Yezzi, (who died a few years ago. . .) visiting Fourmile Canyon north of Canon City awhile back. . . .

Horseshoe Lake and Eureka Peak in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains just west of Westcliffe.

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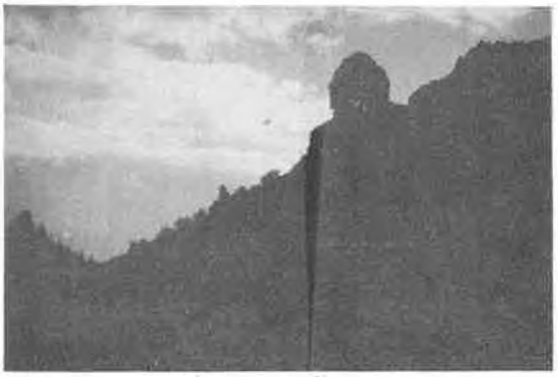
The McDowell family from Guthrie, Oklahoma, having a picnic above the Hermit Lake basin in the Sangres a few years ago. . . .



Indian Head Penny relief just west of the bottom of Monarch Pass on highway 50 heading towards Gunnison, Colorado.

Little summer rain shower in the Wet Mountain Valley. . . . .

Venable Lake, high up in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains, is one of the better fishing lakes (if you hit it right - smile!). Full of cutthroat trout.

Why should I practice mortifications?

In order to make satisfaction for my sins
To overcome my faults and sins
To draw blessings down on my loved ones
To assist the suffering souls in purgatory
In order to conquer myself
To gain strength against temptations
To obtain the conversion of sinners
To procure graces for my special intentions

Suggestions of Mortifications

1) *I will rise from bed immediately at the first call or alarm.*
2) *At meals, I will accept what is served without complaint or fussiness.*
3) *I will not look around in chapel to see what others are doing.*
4) *At times, I will refrain from saying some unnecessary thing I wish to say.*
5) *I will force myself to smile and be cheerful when I feel sad or irritated.*
6) *I will mortify my curiosity by not trying to know the latest news that does not concern me.*
7) *I will not complain of little discomforts and inconveniences, and even, at times, seek them out.*
8) *Whenever it is possible, I will do the will of others instead of my own.*
9) *I will be especially kind and friendly to the person that most annoys me.*
10) *I will say a little aspiration and lift my mind to God each time the clock strikes the hour.*
11) *I will say, "Thank you, God," whenever something happens contrary to my will.*
12) *When possible, I will wait for a time before doing something I am most eager to do.*
13) *I will discontinue without delay any pleasurable occupation if duty, obedience, or charity calls me elsewhere.*
14) *When others do not agree with me in matters of slight importance, I will keep silent and not press my opinion.*
15) *Whenever I awake in the night, I will raise my heart to God.*
16) *I will not excuse myself when blamed.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

01/31/2002

A homeless man approached me early Wednesday. He had nothing and wore burlap sacks for shoes. I was dead broke so I approached many people to help him get some shoes. It was freezing cold. No one was willing to help enough. One even told me to go to the police.

I asked the manager at Wal-Mart and right away he said get whatever shoes you like. What a great soul!

When someone asks of you

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Mexico
— 1531 —

VIRGIN OF THE
MIRACULOUS MEDAL
Paris — 1830

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Mexico - December 9-12, 1531

The Blessed Virgin looked down upon an Indian called Juan Diego and chose him as Her representative to the Bishop of Mexico. She requested the construction of a church in Her honor, but the bishop demanded a sign. Juan gathered some flowers upon orders from Heaven. "Carry these roses from Me to the bishop," the Virgin Mary told him. "That is the sure sign of My will. Let them not delay in building a church here in My honor." Juan went to see the bishop and let the flowers fall at his feet. Wonder of wonders! An image of the Queen of Heaven appeared on the Indian's cloak. The bishop bowed, filled with respect, and had the basilica built. During the eight years following this apparition, 9 million Indians in Mexico were converted to the Faith; and the image of Mary, miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's cloak, has been preserved for the last 470 years.

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VIRGIN OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
PARIL, France - 1830

Sister Catherine Labouré was awakened by her Guardian Angel during the night of July 18 - 19, 1830. He led her to the chapel to see the Blessed Virgin, seated in the choir. This great favor reoccurred on the evening of November 27. The holy Sister saw Our Lady of Grace as She is depicted on the Miraculous Medal, which was later struck at our heavenly Mother's request. The Blessed Virgin promised countless graces for those who wear this medal piously - and indeed, many prodigies have been attributed to this image of Mary. Countless graces have been obtained by the invocation:

"O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE!"

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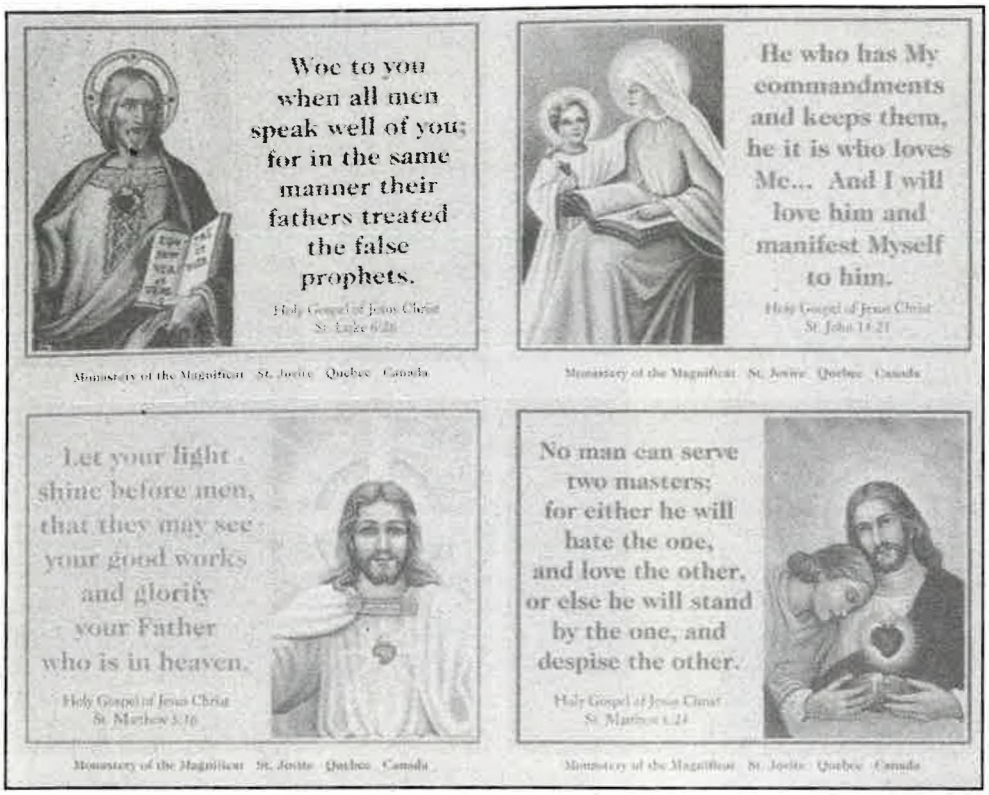
Woe to you when all men speak well of you; for in the same manner their fathers treated the false prophets.
Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
St. Luke 6:26
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He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me... And I will love him and manifest Myself to him.
Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
St. John 14:21
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Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
St. Matthew 5:16
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No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will stand by the one, and despise the other.
Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ
St. Matthew 6:24
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Cabrini Knapp, Chris Bryan, Steve Knapp and David Knapp. This photo was taken last June when Chris & I stopped to visit them at their home in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The beautiful cathedral of St. Helena in Helena, Montana. Something special about this place. . . . . St. Helena, pray for us.

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